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SUBJECT: DGB METALWORKERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF SPYING

1. DGB SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT HEINZ DUERRBECK, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE LARGE METALWORKERS UNION, HAS BEEN DETAINED BY THE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR ON SUSPICION OF SPYING FOR THE GDR.

2. COMMENT: SO FAR UNION SOURCES ARE RELUCTANT TO COMMENT UNTIL THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR DECIDES WHETHER THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THESE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DUERRBECK IS SUFFICIENT TO PROSECUTE HIM. HOWEVER, THIS REPORT COMES SHORTLY AFTER THE DGB DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE FDGB IN EAST BERLIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER. WHETHER THIS NEW CASE WILL AFFECT THIS PLANNED VISIT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE GRONAU SPY AFFAIR, THE GUILLAUME CASE AS WELL AS THE FALTERMEIER AND BOEHM CASES, DGB UNIONS WILL FACE NEW PROBLEMS IN RATIONALIZING THEIR EAST-WEST EXCHANGE EFFORTS.
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